

SECTION 00020

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids for the project: City of Cambridge, Massachusetts – CambridgePark Drive Area Drainage Improvements Project (Contract 12).

Nature and scope of work: Construction of approximately 3000 linear feet of 8-ft x 4-ft box culvert with associated catch basins, manholes, laterals, and special drainage structures. Work also includes the construction of a stormwater wetland treatment area in the Alewife Reservation with new boardwalk, bicycle/ pedestrian path, signage, and planting.

Bidding procedures shall be accordance with M.G.L. c. 30, §39M, as most recently amended, and all other applicable laws.

The estimated project value is: **\$23 million dollars.**

The time for completion of this contract is **730** calendar days.

Plans and specifications will be available starting **Thursday, May 20th, 2010** from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to Noon on Fridays, at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 303, Cambridge, MA 02139 upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **\$150.00** for each set in the form of a check made payable to the City of Cambridge. For the mailing of the plans and specifications, the bidder must prepay a mailing and handling fee of **\$25.00** per set. **NO PARTIAL SETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.**

The contract documents may be examined at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Room 303, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139 or at the plan room of Dodge Reports, 24 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA 02173.

Sealed bids will be received at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 303, Cambridge, MA 02139 until **Thursday, June 24th, 2010 at 2:00 pm** at which time all general bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

An original and one copy of the bid forms must be submitted.

All questions must be faxed not later than 2:00pm on June 10th, 2010 to the City of Cambridge Purchasing Department fax# 617-349-4008.

All general bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a certified, cashier's or treasurer's check (**NO CASH**) issued by a responsible bank or trust company made

payable to the City of Cambridge or a bid bond, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the value of the bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material (Payment) Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum. Bonds shall be obtained from a surety licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the form shall be satisfactory to the City of Cambridge.

This project is being funded in part by the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (the "Trust").

The City of Cambridge reserves the right to reject any or all general bids if it is in the public interest to do so.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Sections 26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the contractor, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) policies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Cambridge are applicable to the total dollars paid to the construction contract. The **"Fair Share"** construction goal for this project is a minimum of **five point three zero (5.30) percent MBE participation and four point four zero (4.40) percent WBE participation** by state-certified MBEs and WBEs. The bidder shall submit completed MBE/WBE forms (EEO-DEP-190 & EEO-DEP-191) and Vendor Information Forms (VIF) with the bid. Failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph may be deemed to render a proposal non-responsive. No waiver of any provision of this section will be granted unless approved by the Department of Environmental Protection.

The project requires compliance with the Massachusetts Diesel Retrofit Program (MDRP) by use of after-engine emission controls that are EPA certified, or their equivalent, on all of the off-road (non-registered) diesel vehicles/equipment used at the job site.

No less than the prevailing wage rates as set forth in the schedule contained in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project.

Attention is called to the following programs and ordinances of the City of Cambridge:

1. Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program;
2. Minority Business Enterprise Program;

3. Cambridge Employment Plan: minority/women/resident hiring ordinance.
4. Cambridge Responsible Employer Plan
5. Living Wage Ordinance
6. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
7. CORI City Policy

Copies of the above are bound in the bid documents and are fully integral portions of the conditions of the contract with which each contractor and sub-contractor must comply.

A **Mandatory** pre-bid conference for all bidders will be held as follows:

Date: **Thursday June 3rd, 2010**

Time: **2:00 p.m.**

Place: **Cambridge Department of Public Works
147 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139**

Cynthia H. Griffin
Purchasing Agent